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# Kigurumi

## GUARDIANS

LILY  
HOSHINO



KIGURUMI  
GUARDIANS  
LILY HOSHINO



GINGER

KIGURUMI GUARDIANS

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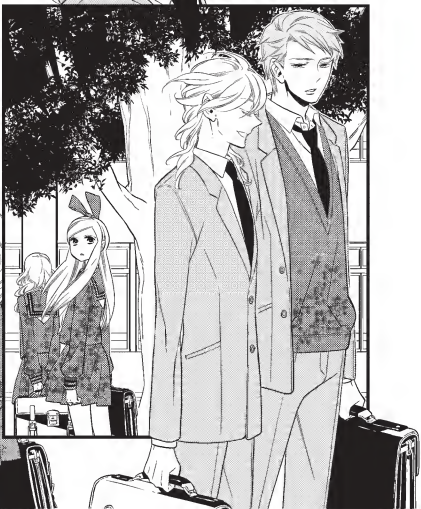
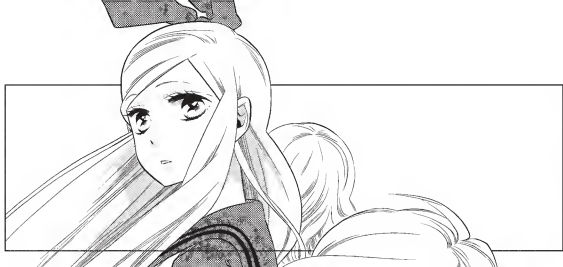


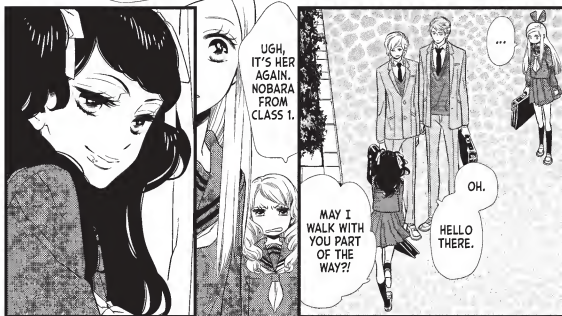


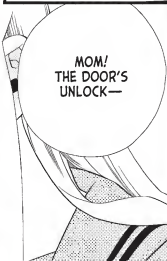
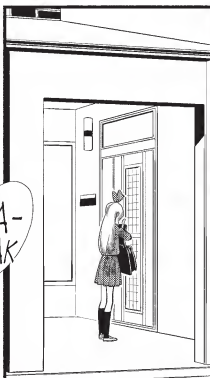
CHAPTER I

THE  
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ØNES

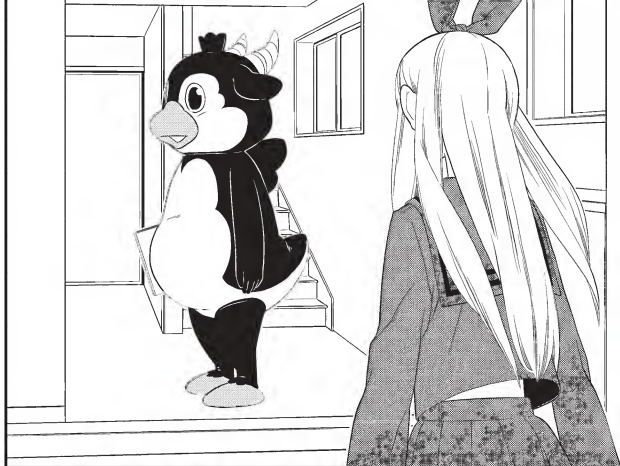
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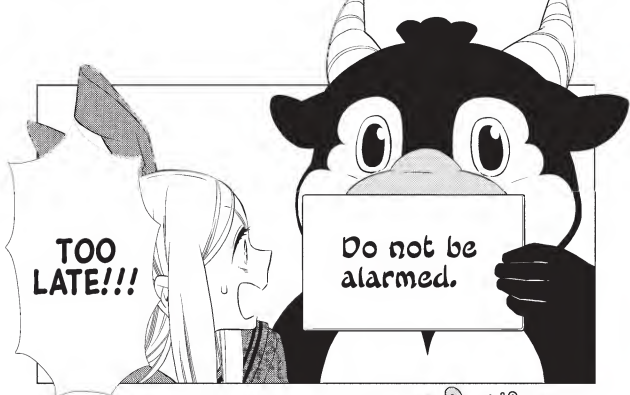


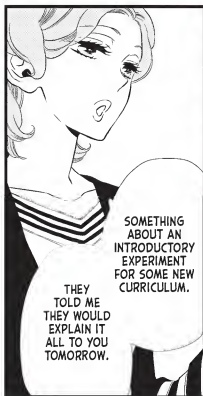
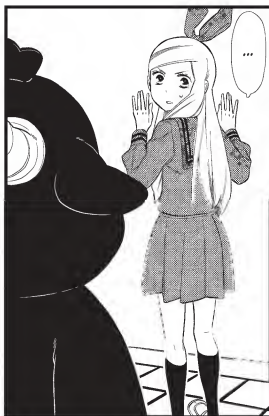














YOUR  
MOTHER IS SO  
PROUD! ♡

AND THEY  
SAID THAT  
YOU WERE  
SPECIALLY  
CHOSEN FROM  
ALL THE  
STUDENTS.




DON'T  
TELL ME IT'S  
GOING TO  
LIVE HERE?!

Don't  
mind me.



SO HOW  
SHOULD WE  
HELP YOU  
WITH THINGS  
LIKE FOOD  
AND  
BATHING?



My name is  
Ginger.



My hand  
slipped.

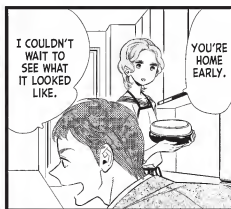
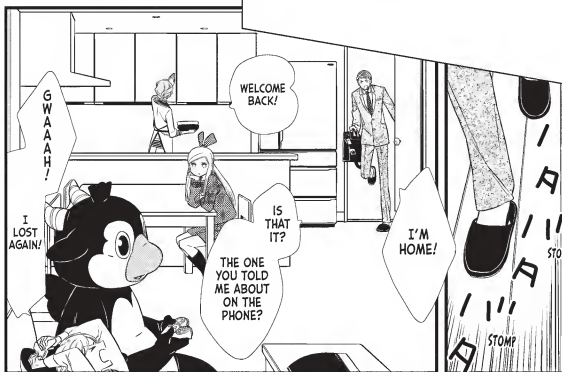
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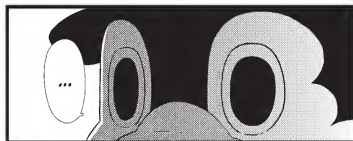


IT HIT  
ME!



Oh-  
I haven't  
introduced  
myself.







SIGN: MUSIC ROOM 2







MORE  
KIGURUMI.

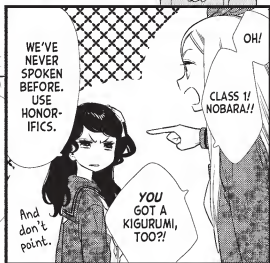


OH...



CLACK

I SEE  
YOU'RE  
ALL HERE.



WE'VE  
NEVER  
SPOKEN  
BEFORE.  
USE  
HONOR-  
IFICS.

And  
don't  
point.

YOU  
GOT A  
KIGURUMI,  
TOO?!

OH!  
CLASS 1!  
NOBARA!!



Cosplay.



PRESIDENT  
KAGAMI!



YOUR  
ENSEMBLE  
IS  
FABULOUS!

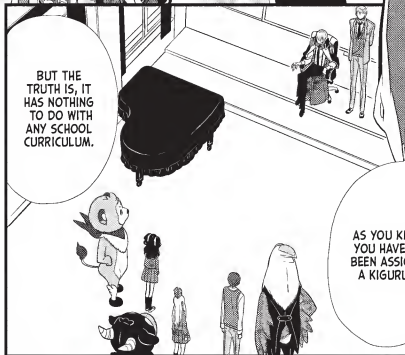
CHIGAYA-  
SAMA!

THAT'S  
A COURA-  
GEOUS  
OUTFIT...



SQUEEE!

THANK  
YOU.



BUT THE  
TRUTH IS, IT  
HAS NOTHING  
TO DO WITH  
ANY SCHOOL  
CURRICULUM.

SORRY FOR  
CALLING YOU  
ALL IN SO  
EARLY IN THE  
MORNING.

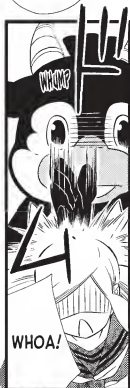
AS YOU KNOW,  
YOU HAVE ALL  
BEEN ASSIGNED  
A KIGURUMI.



AND YOU  
ALL ARE THE  
GUARDIANS.

CHOSEN  
WARRIORS.

THEIR TRUE  
PURPOSE IS  
TO PROTECT  
THIS WORLD.



AM I THE  
ONLY ONE WHO  
CAN'T TAKE  
ANY OF THIS  
SERIOUSLY?





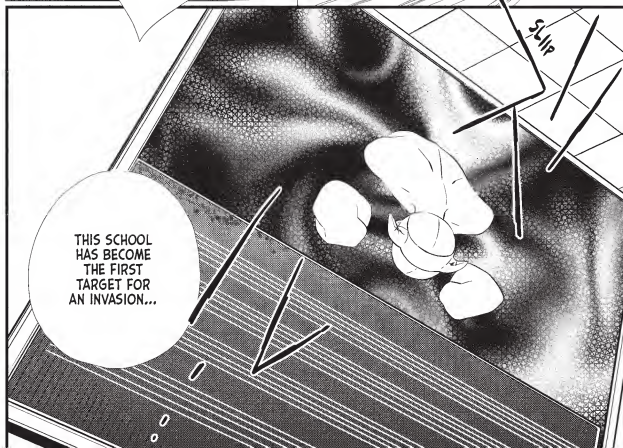
HOW-  
EVER...

I CAN'T  
BLAME YOU  
FOR NOT  
BELIEVING  
ME.

SAME...

N—  
NO.

?!  
!!



THIS SCHOOL  
HAS BECOME  
THE FIRST  
TARGET FOR  
AN INVASION...



...FROM  
ANOTHER  
WORLD.

...OF BAD  
GUYS...



WHAT...?!



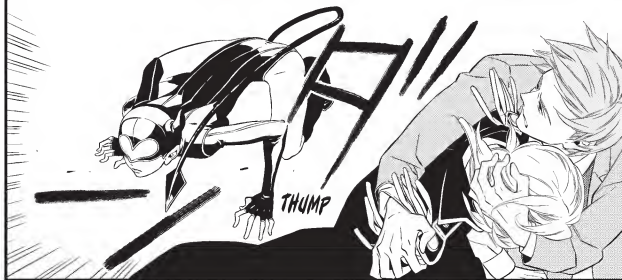
CHIGAYA-  
SAN...



PRESIDENT,  
WATCH OUT!!

WOOSH









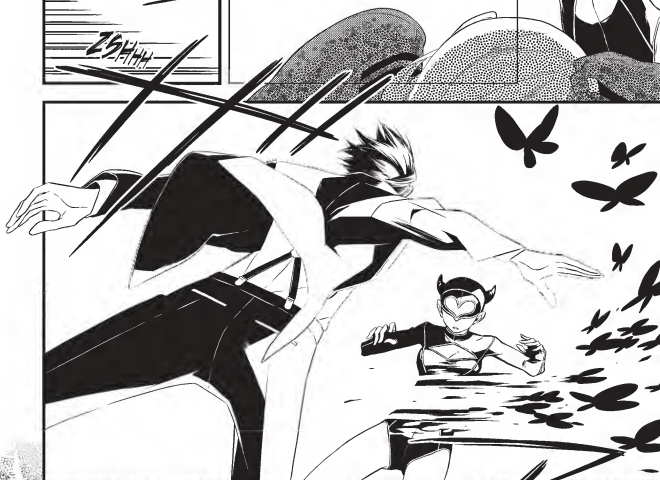


CLENCH

HEY,  
KIGURUMI...

NOW  
WOULD BE  
A REALLY  
GOOD TIME

TO KNOCK  
ME BACK INTO  
REALITY—  
LITERALLY, IF  
YOU HAVE TO.

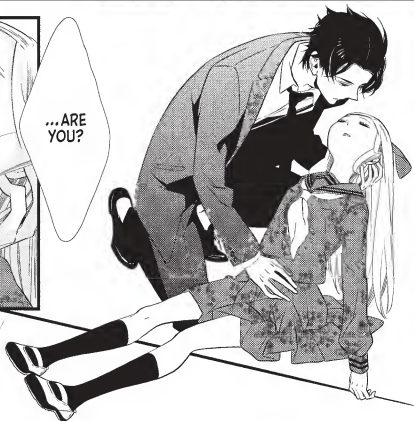




WHO...



...ARE  
YOU?





...HA.

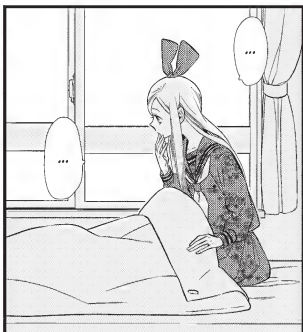
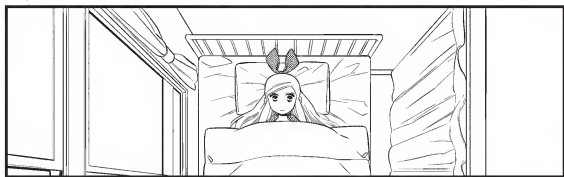


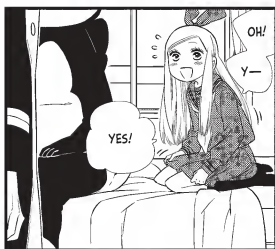
YOU  
CAN'T  
JUST  
TAKE  
IT...

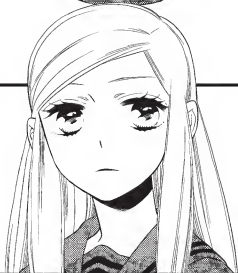
THAT'S  
MY  
FIRST  
KISS...



I ㄴ!!  
WHAP

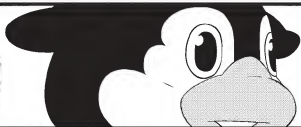






DO YOU  
UNDERSTAND  
NOW?

THIS WORLD  
IS UNDER  
ATTACK.



AN ENEMY  
MANY, MANY  
TIMES STRONGER  
COULD APPEAR  
AT ANY MOMENT.

YOU THREE  
WILL TEAM UP  
WITH *THEM*  
TO KEEP THIS  
WORLD SAFE.



...











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CHAPTER 2  
ISN'T IT  
ROMANTIC?



...TO KEEP  
THIS WORLD  
SAFE.

YOU  
THREE WILL  
TEAM UP WITH  
*THEM...*



AS ITS  
GUARDIANS.



WE AT  
THE SCHOOL  
GOT A  
NOTIFICATION  
FROM THE GOVERN-  
MENT.

TH-  
THE  
GOVERN-  
MENT?!



IS IT  
OKAY FOR  
HER TO  
OVERHEAR  
ALL THIS?!

HA  
HA.

IT'S  
ALL RIGHT.  
WE'RE NOT  
A SECRET  
CLUB.

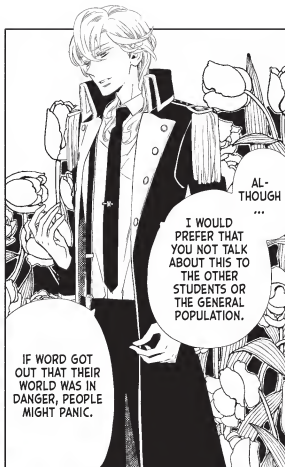
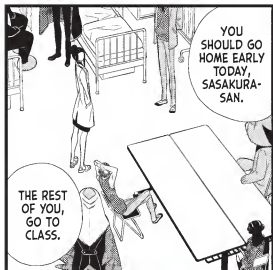


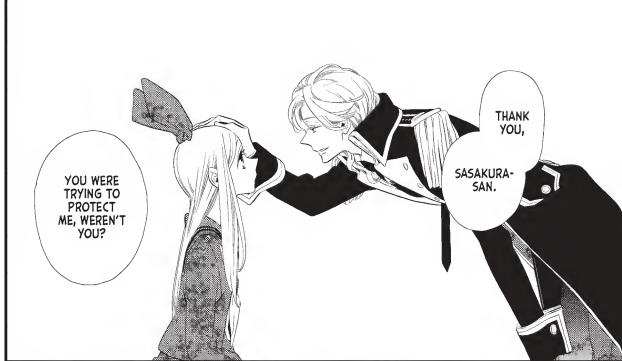
FSH  
ALL  
RIGHT,  
ALL  
RIGHT.

THAT'S  
ENOUGH  
OF THE  
COMPLICATED  
EXPLANA-  
TIONS.

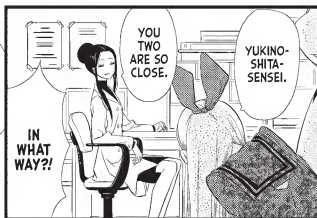
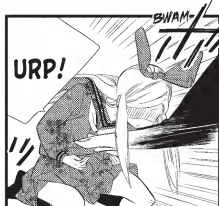
ACK!

SENSEI!

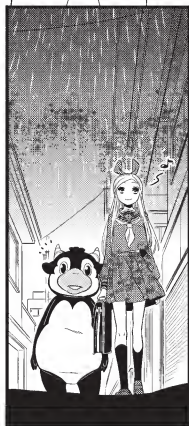




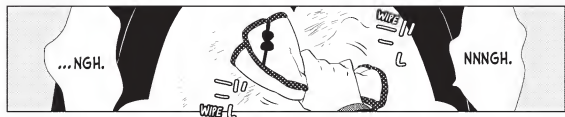
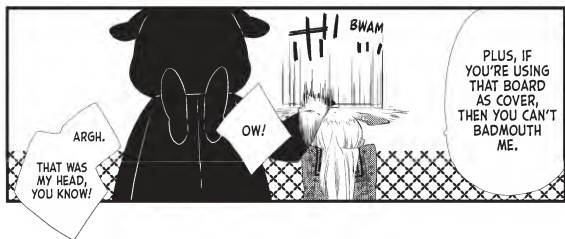






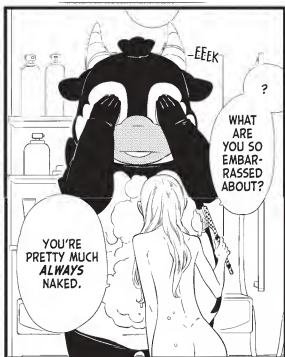
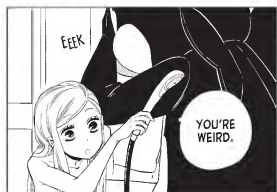
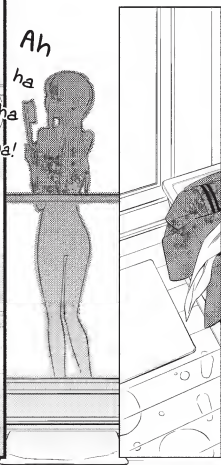


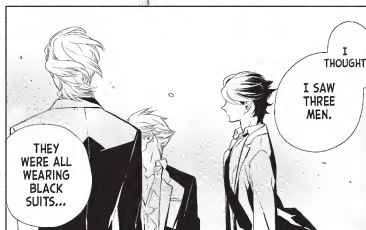
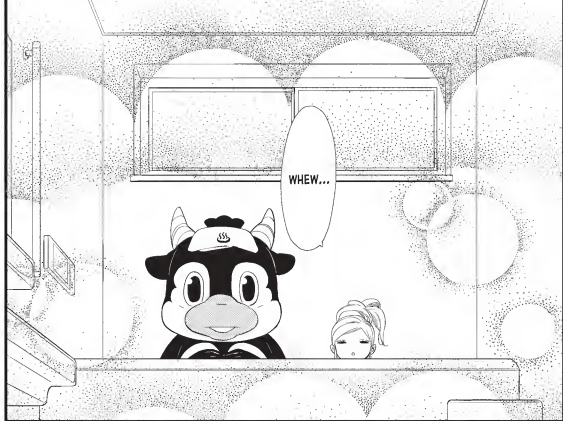




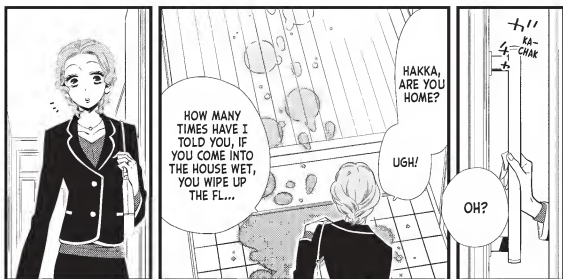
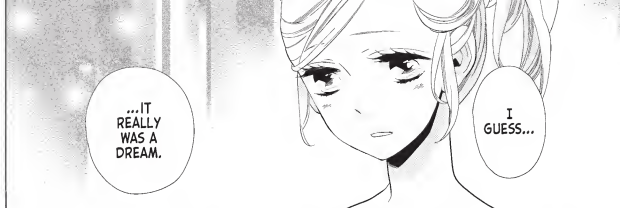












2音楽室

SIGN: MUSIC ROOM 2

NOW THEN.  
LET'S START OVER  
BY INTRODUCING  
OURSELVES.

I WILL BE  
ASSUMING THE  
ROLE OF THE  
GUARDIANS'  
LEADER, OF  
SORTS.

I AM THE  
STUDENT  
BODY  
PRESIDENT,

CHIGAYA  
KAGAMI, FROM  
CLASS 3-1.

CLASS  
2-1.

NOBARA  
MIYAMORI.

A  
PLEASURE.

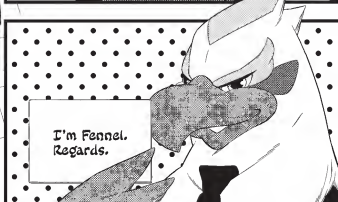
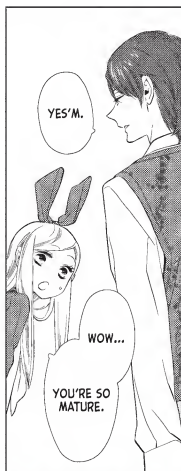
OH!

UM!

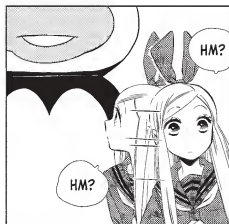
I'M HAKKA  
SASAKURA,  
CLASS 2-4!

I'm Basilicos!  
Regards!

I'm Ginger! ☆









FROM AN  
ORGANIZATION  
FROM ANOTHER  
WORLD—THE  
**PUPPET  
GUILD.**

AS I  
EXPLAINED  
YESTERDAY,  
THIS  
WORLD IS  
UNDER  
ATTACK.

YES  
SHUDDER

BECAUSE  
TO THEM,  
OUR HEARTS  
ARE LIKE  
VALUABLE  
GEMS.

YES.  
HEARTS.

HEARTS  
...?

THEY  
STEAL  
OUR  
HEARTS,  
AND  
TURN  
US INTO  
THEIR  
PUPPETS.

THEY CAN'T  
EVEN BATHE  
THEMSELVES.

REALLY  
...?

THESE  
GUYS?

THESE  
KIGURUMI  
ARE HERE  
TO LEND  
US THEIR  
STRENGTH.

BATHE?

BUT  
NOT TO  
WOR-  
RY.

CLENCH  
ぎゅ

AND THE  
KEY...

AND  
SO,

THEY  
WILL DE-  
TRANSFORM  
TEMPORARILY,  
BUT ONLY  
WHEN  
NEEDED.



YOU  
SEE,

WHEN  
THE TRANS-  
FORMATION  
IS UNDONE—  
THAT IS WHEN  
THEY CAN USE  
THEIR TRUE  
POWERS.

IN ORDER  
TO BE IN  
OUR WORLD,  
THE KIGURUMI  
ARE IN SOME-  
THING LIKE  
A TRANS-  
FORMED  
STATE.

THE  
GUARDIANS.

...IS  
WITHIN  
YOU.



GO ON,  
THEN.

REPORT:  
UNLOCK THE  
TRANSFOR-  
MATION.

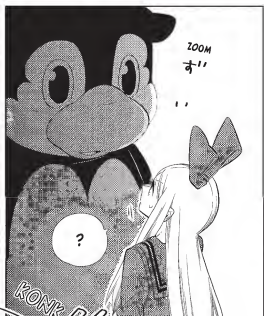
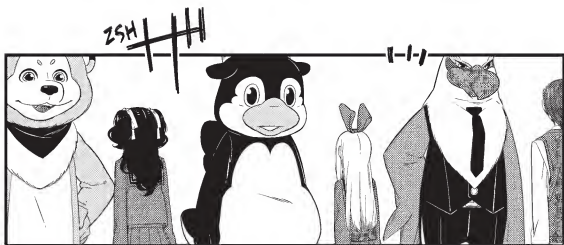
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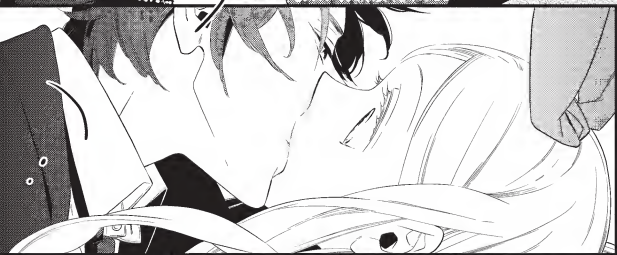
IT'S  
NOVEL, IN  
A WAY.

YES...

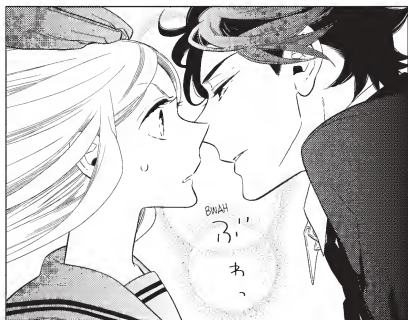
I THINK A  
DEMONSTRATION  
WILL  
HELP YOU  
UNDERSTAND  
FASTER.

YOU  
ALL KNOW THE  
PROCEDURE,  
YES? EXCEPT  
FOR YOU,  
SASAKURA-SAN.  
I KNOW YOU  
WERE UNCON-  
SCIOUS.

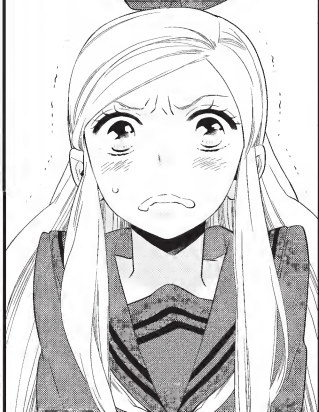


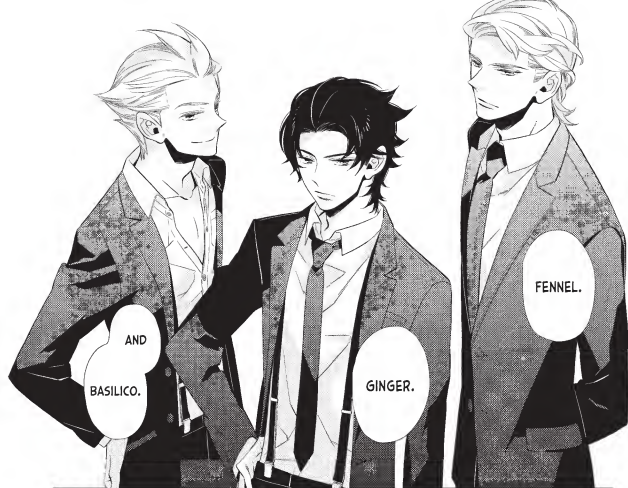


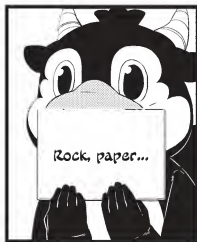












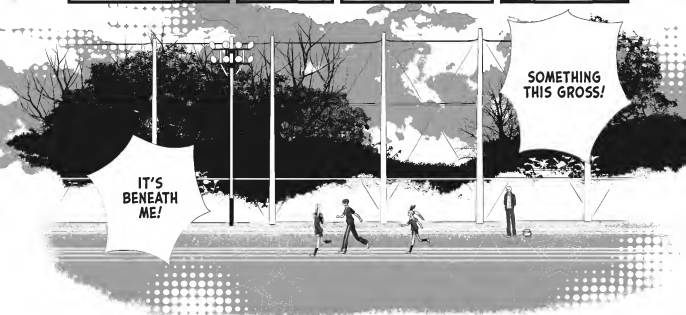
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CHAPTER 3  
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THE FAIREST  
OF ALL THE  
SECOND-  
YEARS







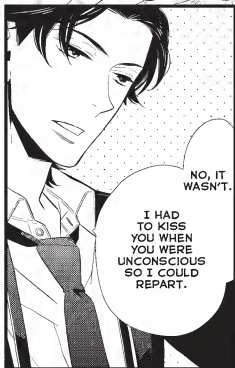


...IS THE  
KEY?!

A  
KISS...



THAT'S  
EVEN  
WORSE!!



NO, IT  
WASN'T.

I HAD  
TO KISS  
YOU WHEN  
YOU WERE  
UNCONSCIOUS  
SO I COULD  
REPART.



SO THAT  
KISS  
YESTERDAY  
WASN'T A  
DREAM,  
EITHER?!

THAT  
WAS MY  
FIRST  
KISS!!



WHAT...  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT?

HEY, YOU'VE  
GOT SOME  
IMPRESSIVE  
POWER TO  
REPART ME  
EVEN WHILE  
YOU'RE UN-  
CONSCIOUS.





You're  
sure  
about  
this?

UH...

...HUH.

?



IT REALLY  
HELPS THAT  
SATSUKI  
CAN CHANGE  
GEARS SO  
EASILY.

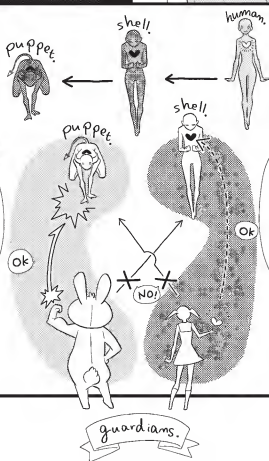
I'M NOT  
A GIRL,  
AND IT'S  
NOT LIKE  
I RUN OUT  
OF 'EM,  
SO...

WHAT-  
EVER.



YOU CAN'T  
FIGHT THE  
PUPPETS,  
BUT ON  
THE OTHER  
HAND,

THE  
KIGURUMI  
CAN'T LAY  
A HAND ON  
SHELLS.



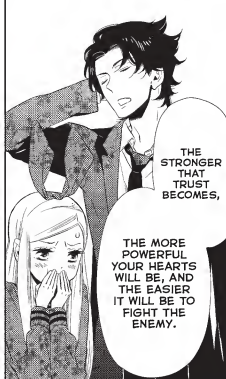
YOUR DUTY  
IS TO FIND  
THE HUMANS  
THAT  
ARE ABOUT  
TO BE MADE  
INTO  
PUPPETS—WE  
CALL THEM  
SHELLS—

AND  
RETURN  
THEIR  
HEARTS TO  
THEM.

guardians.



WHICH IS  
EXACTLY WHY  
I WANT YOU TO  
GET TO KNOW  
EACH OTHER AND  
DEEPEN YOUR  
RELATIONSHIPS.



THE  
STRONGER  
THAT  
TRUST  
BECOMES,

THE MORE  
POWERFUL  
YOUR HEARTS  
WILL BE, AND  
THE EASIER  
IT WILL BE TO  
FIGHT THE  
ENEMY.



BUT THE  
MOST  
IMPORTANT  
THING

IS THE  
TRUST  
YOU AND  
YOUR  
KIGURUMI  
SHARE.



I  
WASN'T  
—!

WHAT?!

COME  
ON, WE'RE  
CLOSE.  
WE BATHED  
TOGETHER.

TRUST?  
RELATION-  
SHIP?  
WITH...  
THIS  
THING?



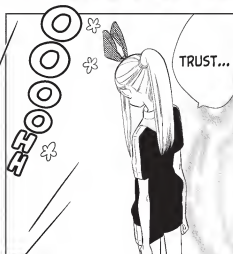
LIKE I'M  
GETTING  
MY KICKS  
STARING  
AT NAKED  
CHILDREN?

Tough  
break-

DUDE.

Uh-  
huh...

I DIDN'T  
KNOW HE WAS  
THAT ON THE  
INSIDE!!

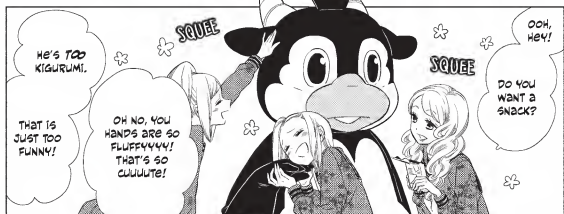


TRUST...



DON'T  
WORRY.

I THINK  
YOU'LL ALL  
MAKE GOOD  
PARTNERS  
FOR EACH  
OTHER.

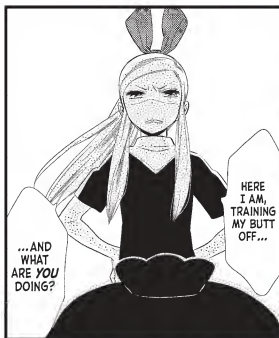


What I see is...

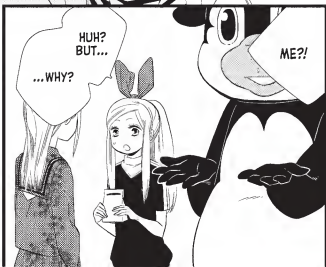
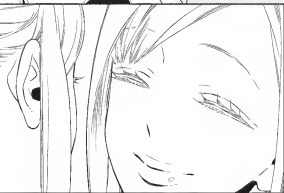
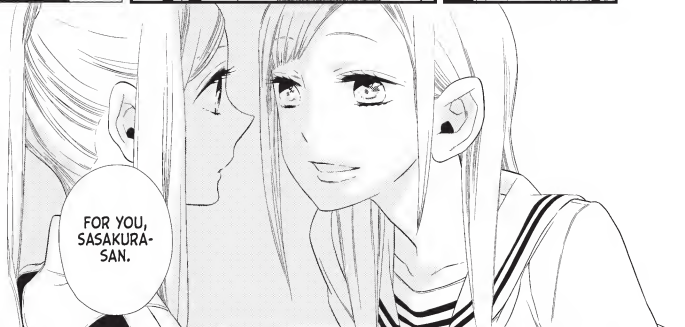
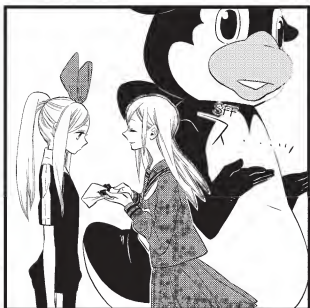


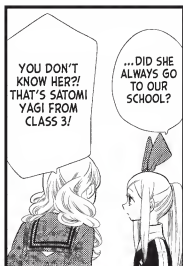
...TO TRUST THAT...

AND I'M SUPPOSED...









YOU DON'T  
KNOW HER?!  
THAT'S SATOMI  
YAGI FROM  
CLASS 3!

...DID SHE  
ALWAYS GO  
TO OUR  
SCHOOL?

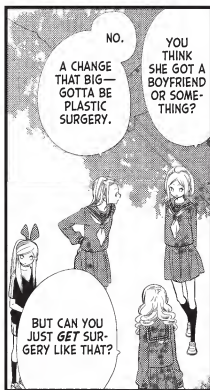
SEE  
YOU  
LATER.



UH...  
OKAY.

I THINK  
WE COULD  
GET  
ALONG.

I'D LIKE  
TO GET  
TOGETHER  
SOMETIME,  
JUST THE  
TWO OF  
US.



NO.

A CHANGE  
THAT BIG—  
GOTTA BE  
PLASTIC  
SURGERY.

YOU  
THINK  
SHE GOT A  
BOYFRIEND  
OR SOME-  
THING?

BUT CAN YOU  
JUST *GET*  
SURGERY LIKE THAT?



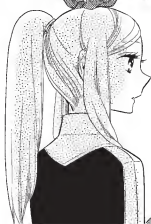
SHE WAS,  
BUT SUDDENLY  
SHE BECAME  
GORGEOUS.

IT'S  
TRUE!

BUT I  
THOUGHT  
SHE WAS  
MORE LIKE  
THIS!

W  
H  
A  
T  
?!

YAGI-  
SAN?

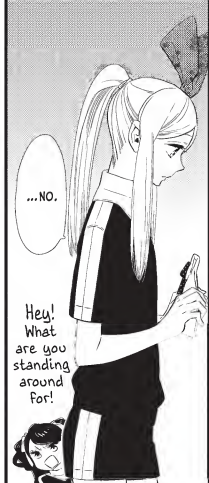
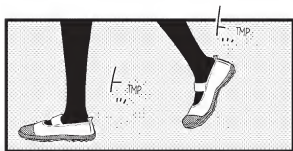


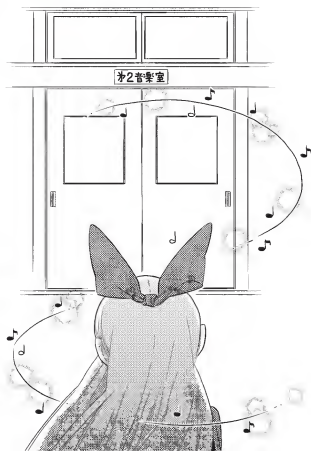
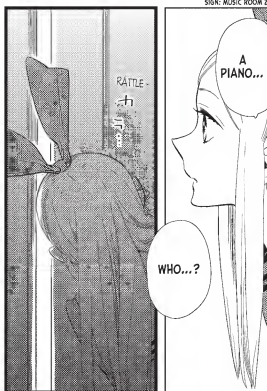
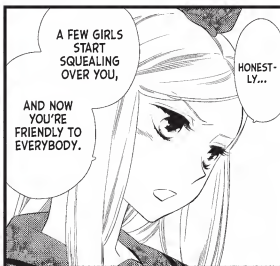
SO  
YOU DON'T  
KNOW HER,  
HAKKA?

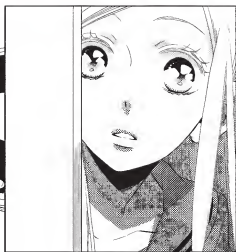
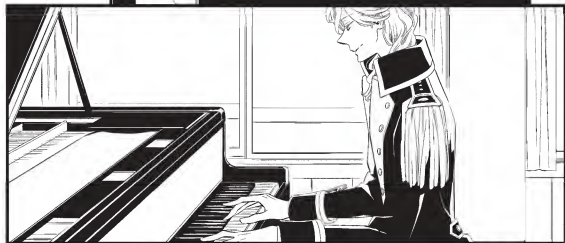
NO  
KIDDING!

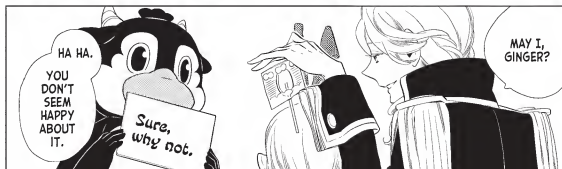
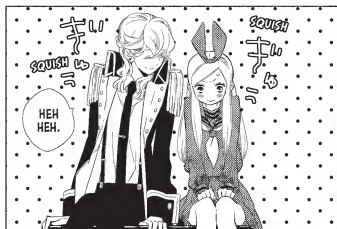
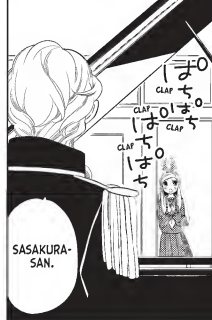
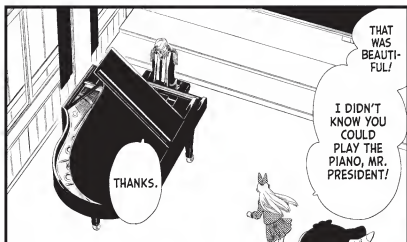
IF SHE KNOCKS  
NOBARA OFF HER  
"FAIREST OF ALL  
THE SECOND-YEARS"  
PEDESTAL, THEN I  
SAY IT'S ABOUT  
TIME.

STILL,



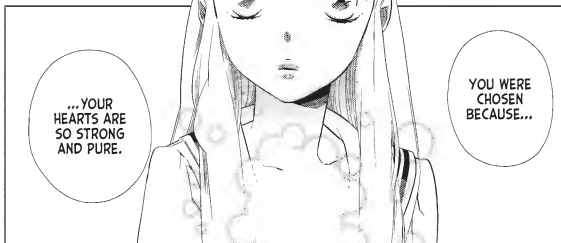












...YOUR  
HEARTS ARE  
SO STRONG  
AND PURE.

YOU WERE  
CHOSEN  
BECAUSE...



THEY  
DRAW  
PEOPLE  
TO THEM.

YOUR  
HEARTS  
HAVE A  
SPECIAL  
CHARM.

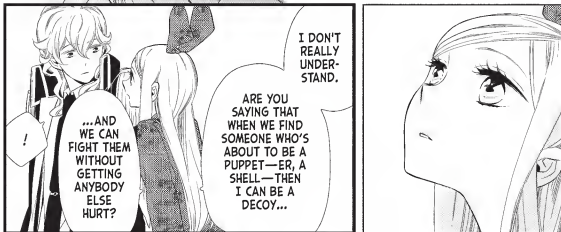
I SUPPOSE  
IT'S NOT  
SOMETHING  
YOU'D  
KNOW FOR  
YOURSELF.

OUR  
HEARTS  
...?



...AND THE  
ENEMY.

THE  
KIGURUMI,  
THE  
SHELLS...



! ...AND  
WE CAN  
FIGHT THEM  
WITHOUT  
GETTING  
ANYBODY  
ELSE  
HURT?

I DON'T  
REALLY  
UNDER-  
STAND.

ARE YOU  
SAYING THAT  
WHEN WE FIND  
SOMEONE WHO'S  
ABOUT TO BE A  
PUPPET—ER, A  
SHELL—THEN  
I CAN BE A  
DECOY...



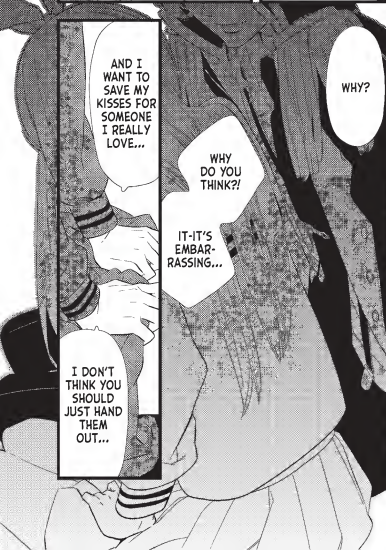
IT'S THE  
KISSING  
THAT...

NOT REALLY,  
BUT IT DOES  
SCARE ME.

AND  
ACTU-  
ALLY,  
WELL...



DOES  
THAT  
BOTHER  
YOU?



AND I  
WANT TO  
SAVE MY  
KISSES FOR  
SOMEONE  
I REALLY  
LOVE...

WHY  
DO YOU  
THINK?!

IT-IT'S  
EMBAR-  
RASSING...

I DON'T  
THINK YOU  
SHOULD  
JUST HAND  
THEM  
OUT...

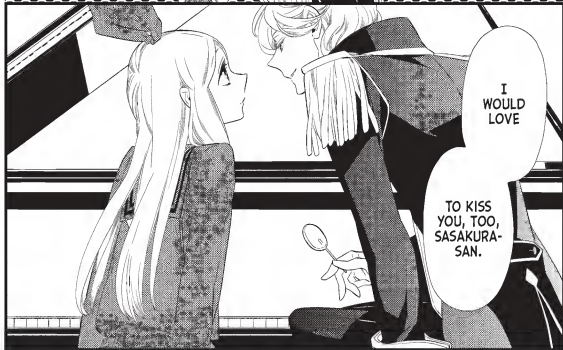
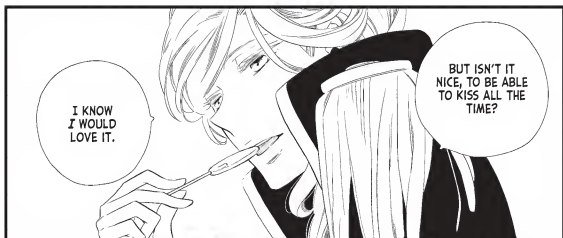
WHY?



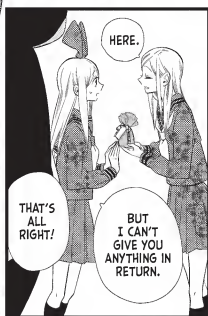
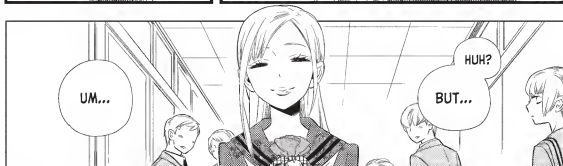
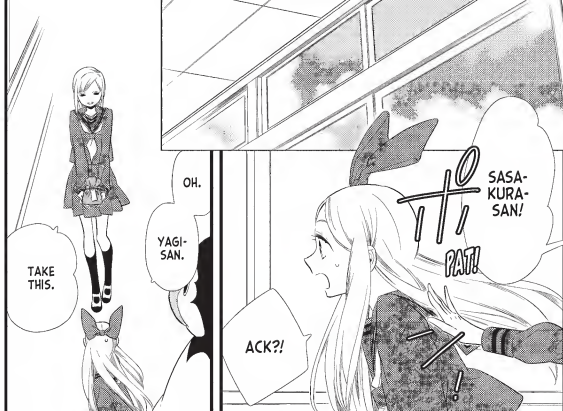
...



...BOTHERS  
YOU?













YOU'RE  
PRETTIER  
ANYWAY.

I DON'T  
THINK  
THAT.



WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN, "TOO  
BAD"?!



TOO BAD  
ABOUT YOUR  
PERSONAL-  
ITY.



BUT  
YOU'RE SO  
MUCH MORE  
ALIVE.  
  
YOU'RE  
MUCH MORE  
BEAUTIFUL  
IN MY EYES.



**HEY!**

Hey! Nobara's  
blushing.

THANK  
YOU.

TH—







REMEMBER  
WHAT  
THE VICE  
PRESIDENT  
WAS  
SAYING?

HOW TO  
TELL WHEN  
SOMEONE'S  
A SHELL!

SORRY,  
I DON'T  
THINK I WAS  
LISTENING! I  
WAS GAZING  
AT PRESIDENT  
KAGAMI!

HRRNGH...

You can  
hit her.

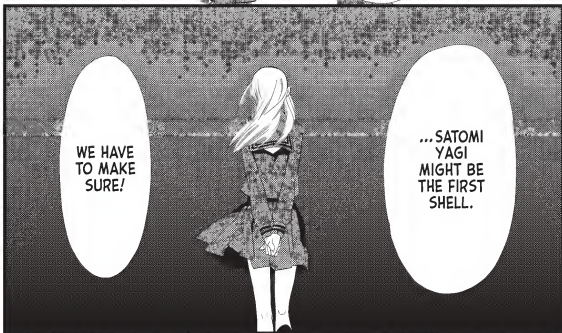
EXCEPT  
FOR #2,  
THAT ALL  
HAPPENED  
TO YAGI-  
SAN!

OH!

SO THAT  
MEANS...

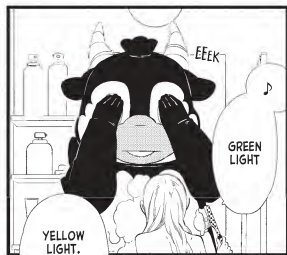
AND  
THEY GET  
MORE DOLL-  
LIKE! CLOSER  
TO BEING  
PUPPETS!

1. A CHANGE  
IN APPEARANCE.
2. A DEFORMATION  
OF THE IRISES.
3. A CHANGE IN  
ATTITUDE TOWARD  
US SPECIFICALLY.



WE HAVE  
TO MAKE  
SURE!

...SATOMI  
YAGI  
MIGHT BE  
THE FIRST  
SHELL.



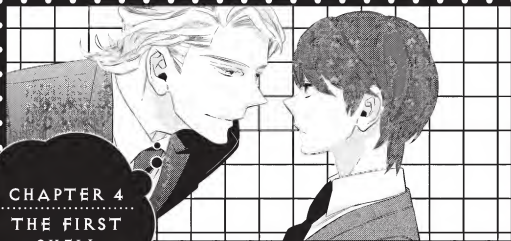
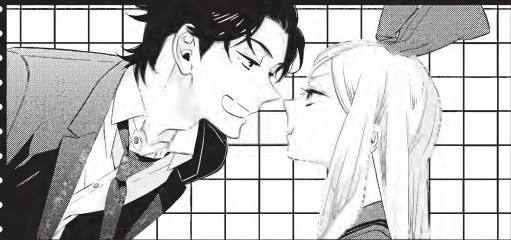
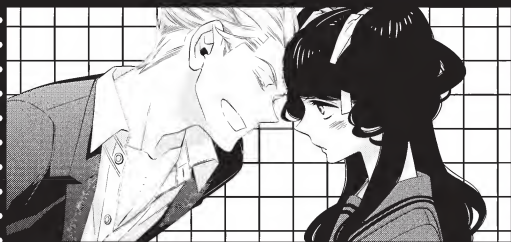
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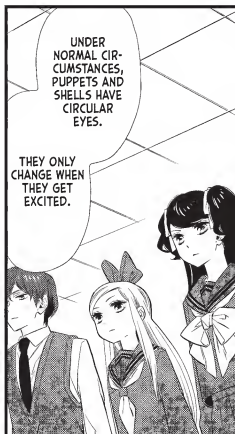


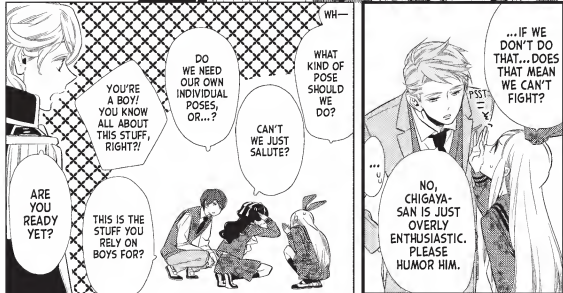
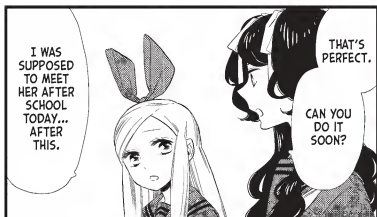




CHAPTER 4  
.....  
THE FIRST  
SHELL









**GUARDIANS,  
COMMENCE  
OPERATION!**

NOW  
THEN,

LET'S  
TRY IT  
AGAIN.



**YES,  
SIR!!**

You  
think  
so?

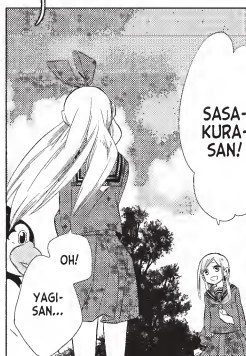
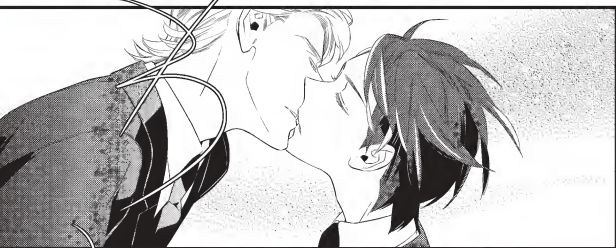
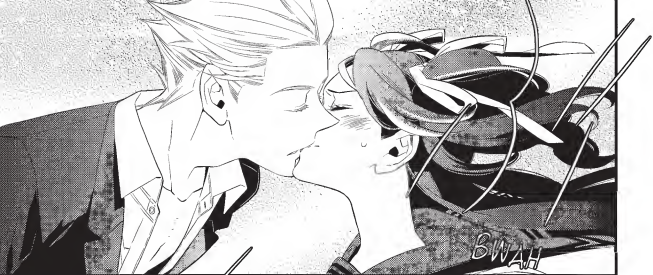
That  
was  
cool!!

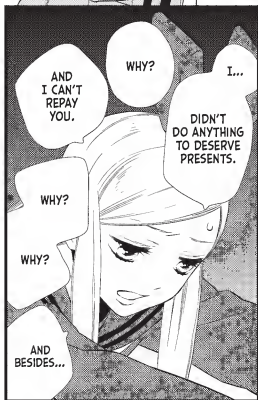
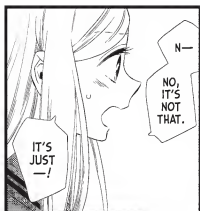
BLUSH  
か  
あ

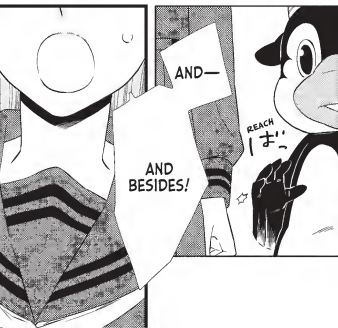
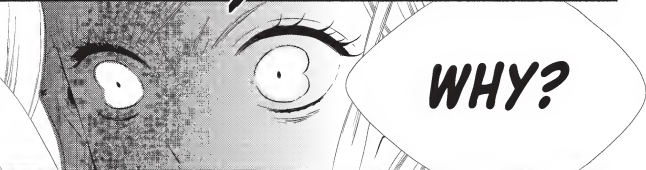
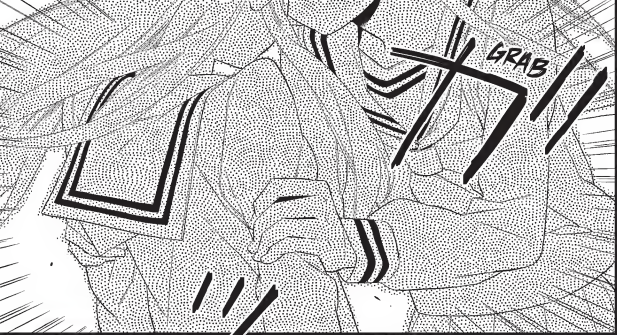


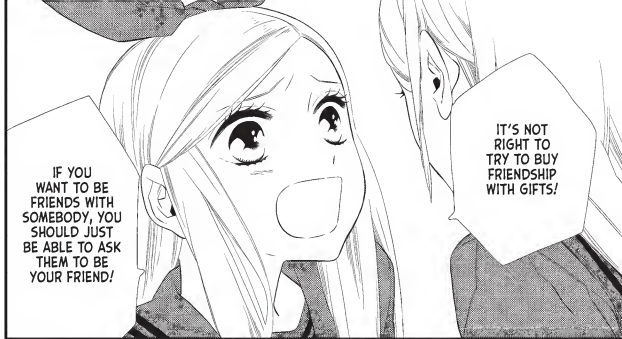












WHOOPSY!

SASA-  
KURA-  
S...

THAT'S A  
GUARDIAN  
FOR YOU!

YOU ALMOST  
TURNED HER  
HUMAN AGAIN  
JUST BY  
TALKING  
TO HER!

THOSE PURE  
HEARTS ARE  
SCARY STUFF!





AND LOOK  
AT THIS  
PERFECT  
TIMING! SHE'S  
JUST ABOUT  
RIPE.

THIS GIRL IS  
GOING TO BE  
MY PUPPET.



LAVEN-  
DER!



BUT I  
WON'T  
LET  
YOU.



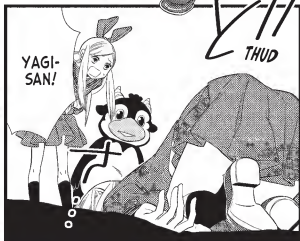
...IS  
GOING  
TO BE  
MINE.

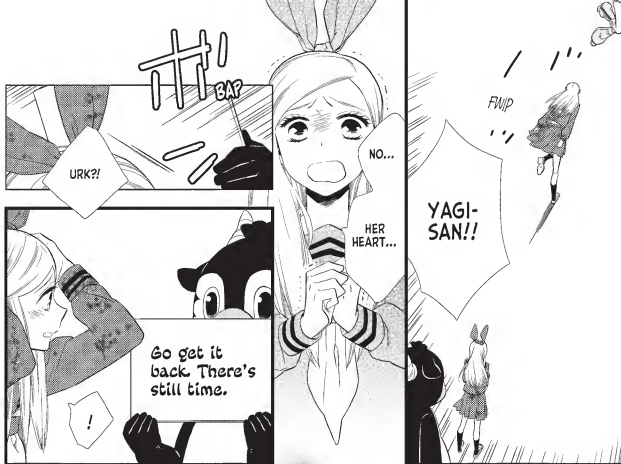
THIS...



NOW,  
LET ME  
SHOW  
YOU.



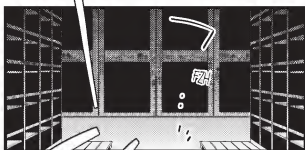




So pull yourself together.

OKAY...!

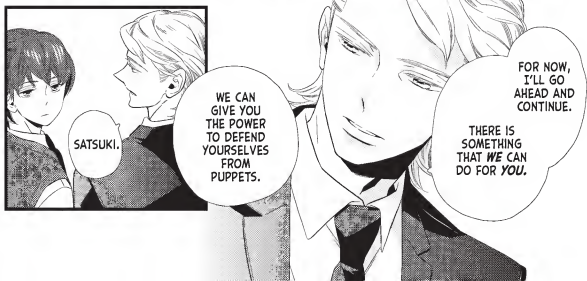
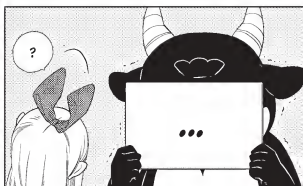
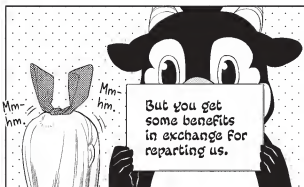




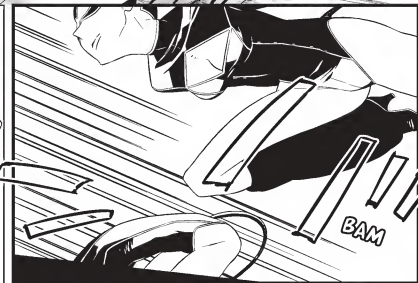
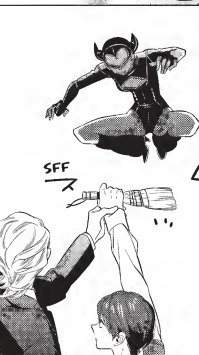
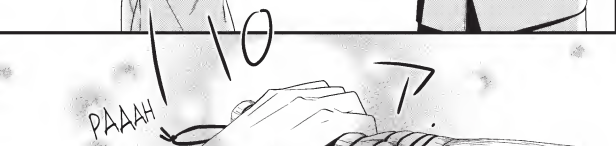


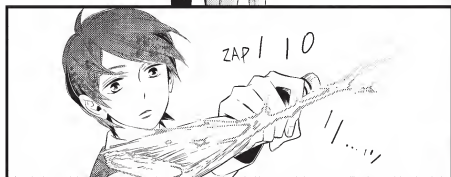


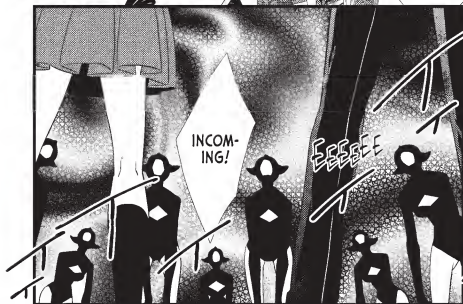
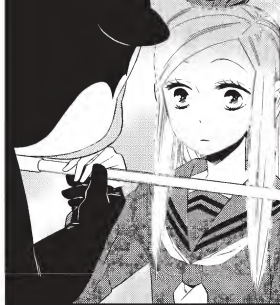


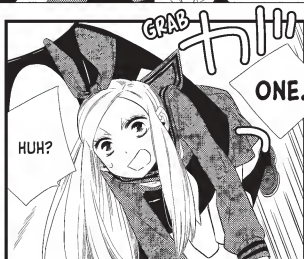
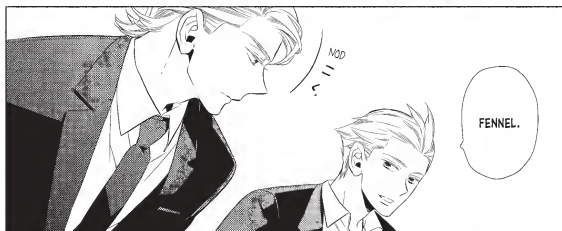
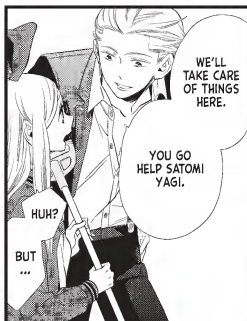












THREE!

FWOOOM

JUST  
A—

WAVER  
↳

ARE  
THEY  
GOING  
TO  
BE OKAY  
LIKE  
THAT?

I DON'T  
THINK THIS  
IS REALLY A  
GOOD TIME TO  
WORRY ABOUT  
THEM.

H E E Y !

STOMP

STOMP

STOMP

STOMP

STOMP





IT LOOKS LIKE...

...WE GOT  
THE SHORT  
END OF THIS  
STICK!

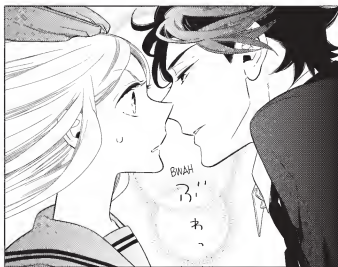
JUST WAIT,  
YAGI-SAN...

I'LL  
SAVE YOU—  
I PROMISE!!

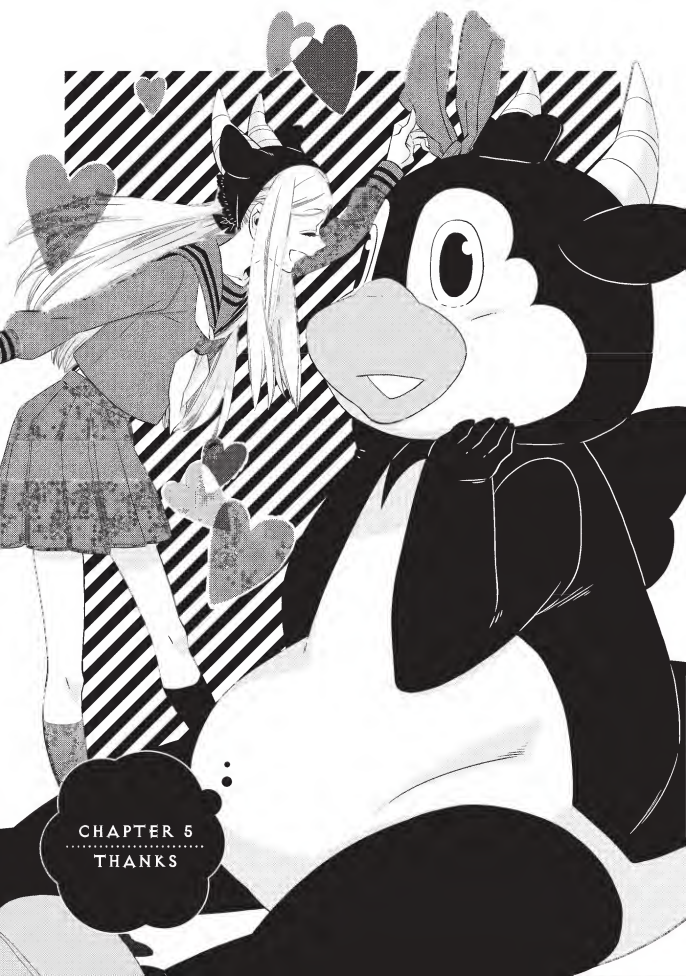




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CHAPTER 5  
.....  
THANKS



AAAAHHH

WHAM

YOU  
OKAY?

HAKKA...

Y—  
YES...

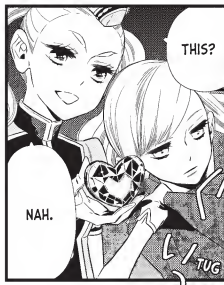
STAND  
BACK,  
NOBARA!

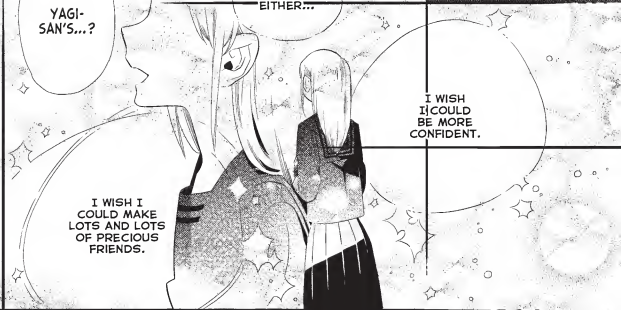
STAY  
BEHIND  
ME!

YAGI-  
SAN!!

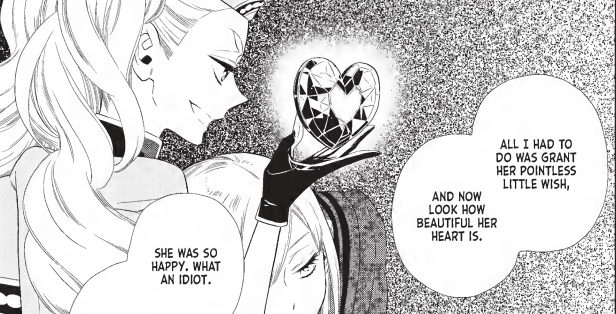
...YOU  
BETTER  
NOT MESS  
THIS UP!











SHE WAS SO  
HAPPY. WHAT  
AN IDIOT.

ALL I HAD TO  
DO WAS GRANT  
HER POINTLESS  
LITTLE WISH,  
  
AND NOW  
LOOK HOW  
BEAUTIFUL HER  
HEART IS.

COULDN'T  
EVEN FIGURE  
OUT I WAS  
GOING TO TAKE  
HER HEART.



I'M  
TIRED OF  
THIS. TIME  
FOR A  
JUMP.  
  
BYE-  
BYE!

UGH, YOU  
ARE SO  
OBNOXIOUS.



ONE,  
TWO!

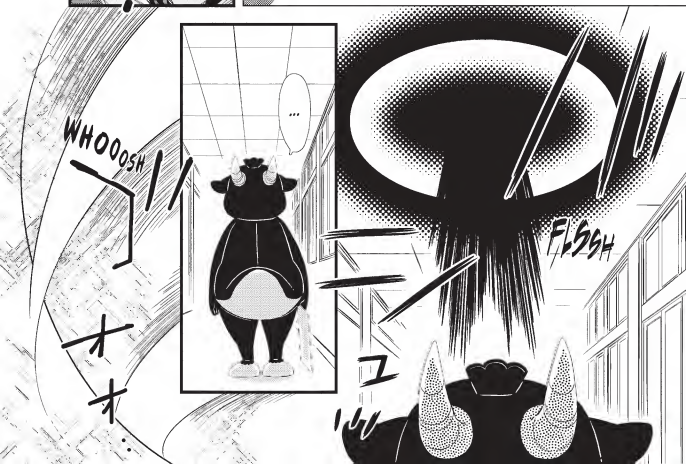
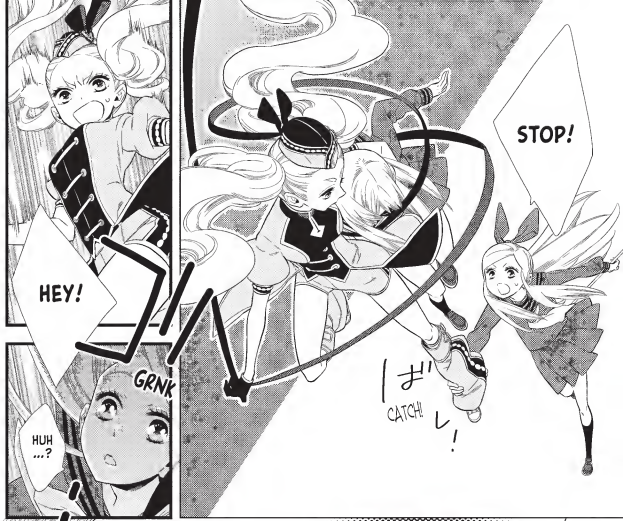
She's gonna  
warp away  
from you.

HUH... ?!



DON'T  
TALK ABOUT  
HER THAT  
WAY!  
SHE'S NOT  
STUPID!

PEOPLE  
ARE FREE  
TO DESIRE  
WHATEVER  
THEY WANT!





OOOHH

WHA...

WHAT...

...IS HAP-  
PENING?!

WHO...

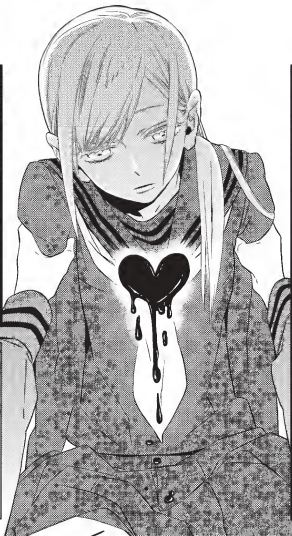
...ARE  
YOU?

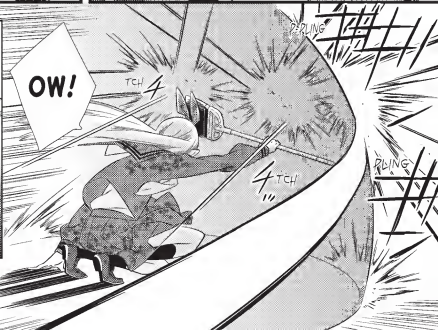
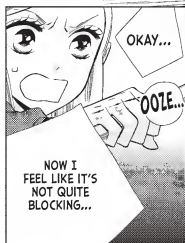
...YOUR  
HEART.

I WANT TO  
TOUCH...





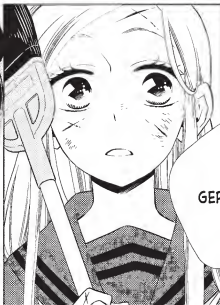
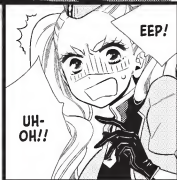




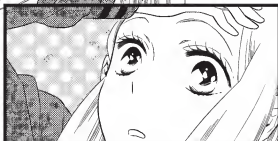




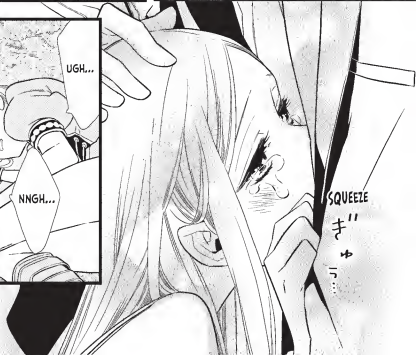
















GIVE THE  
HEART  
BACK.

THEN BE  
A GOOD  
GIRL AND  
GET OUT  
OF HERE.

AND  
TAKE YOUR  
PUPPETS  
WITH YOU.

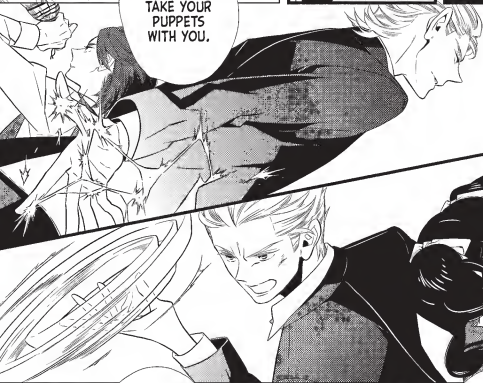


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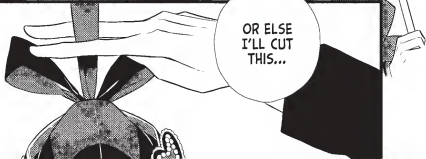


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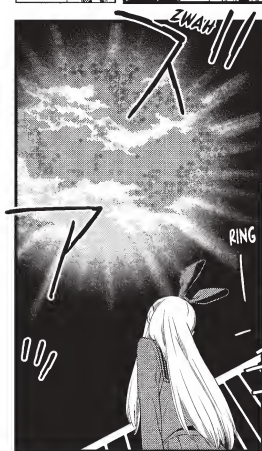
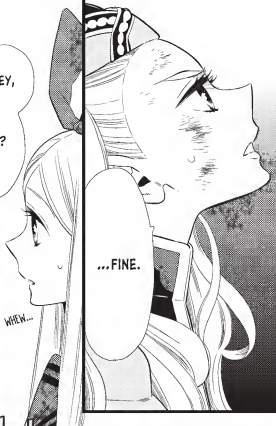
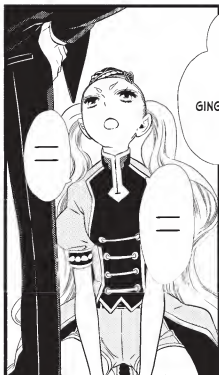
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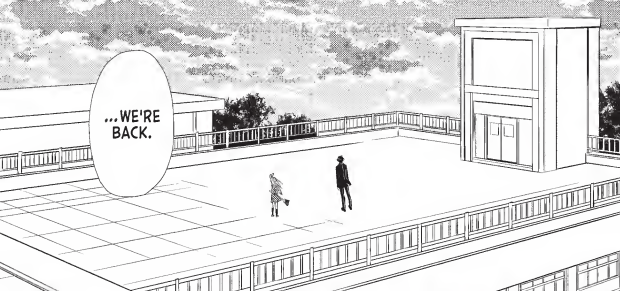


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NOW.

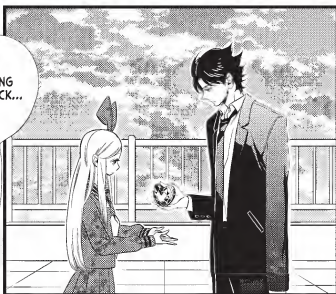


OR ELSE  
I'LL CUT  
THIS...





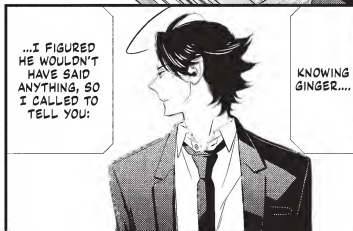
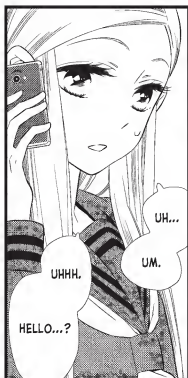
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YOUR  
JOB.

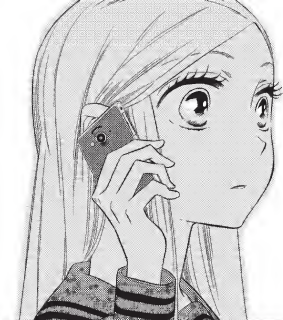


JUST  
A—

WHAT?



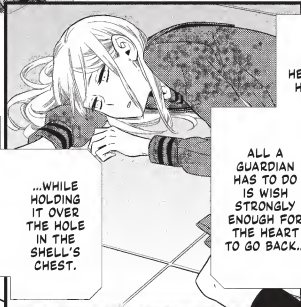




YOU ONLY  
HAVE ONE  
CHANCE  
TO GIVE A  
HEART BACK.



THE  
POWER  
OF YOUR  
HEART  
WILL PUT  
IT BACK.



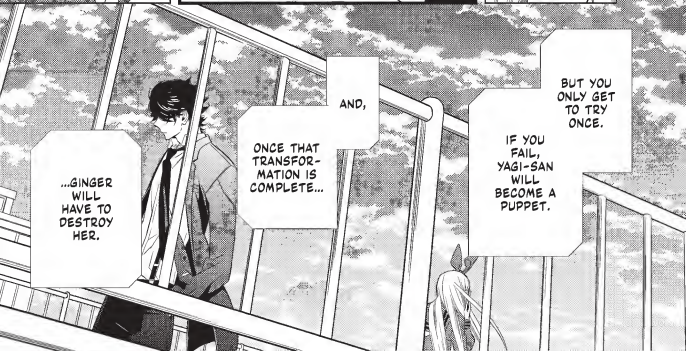
...WHILE  
HOLDING  
IT OVER  
THE HOLE  
IN THE  
SHELL'S  
CHEST.

HERE'S  
HOW.

ALL A  
GUARDIAN  
HAS TO DO  
IS WISH  
STRONGLY  
ENOUGH FOR  
THE HEART  
TO GO BACK...



...WHAT  
...?



...GINGER  
WILL  
HAVE TO  
DESTROY  
HER.

ONCE THAT  
TRANSFOR-  
MATION IS  
COMPLETE...

AND,

IF YOU  
FAIL,  
YAGI-SAN  
WILL  
BECOME A  
PUPPET.

BUT YOU  
ONLY GET  
TO TRY  
ONCE.





IF I  
KNOW YOU,  
SASAKURA-  
SAN, YOU  
CAN DO IT.

BUT  
DON'T  
WORRY.



GOOD  
LUCK.



IF I  
FAIL...

...YOU'LL  
HAVE TO  
DESTROY  
YAGI-SAN.



YEAH.



GINGER  
...

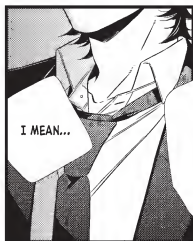
HE SAID  
I ONLY HAVE  
ONE CHANCE  
TO PUT IT  
BACK.







YEAH.



I MEAN...



YOU  
CAN'T  
TELL ME  
THAT...

I DON'T EVEN  
KNOW IF I *CAN*  
PUT IT BACK.  
IT'S SO...



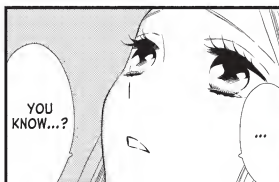
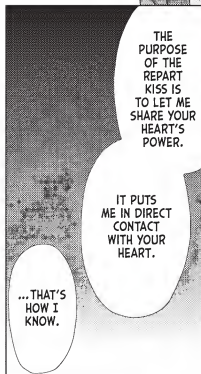
BUT  
THAT'S...

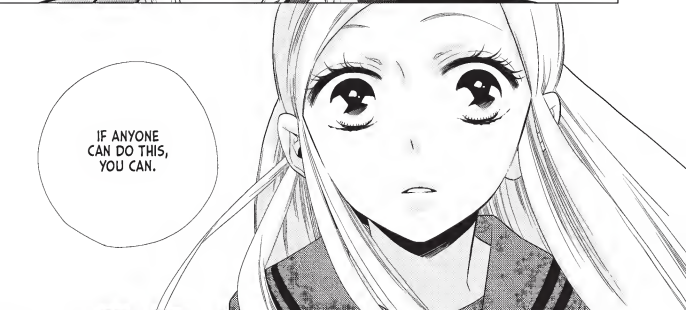
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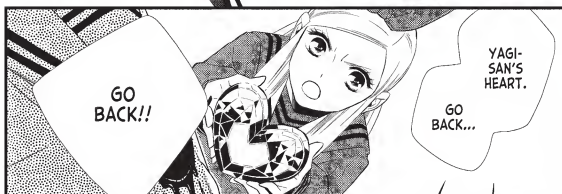


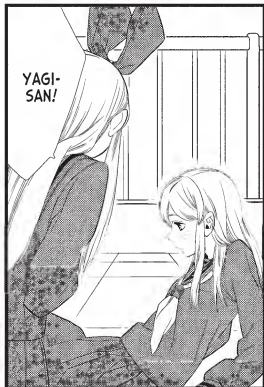
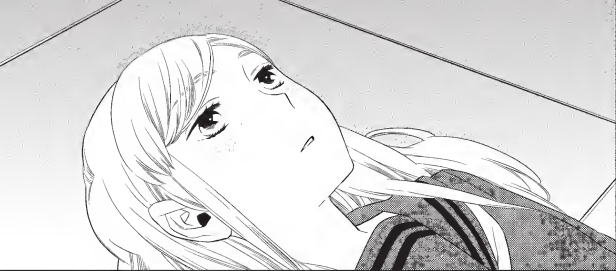
I DON'T  
EVEN KNOW  
WHAT MAKES  
MY HEART SO  
PURE OR SO  
STRONG.

I DON'T  
HAVE ANY  
IDEA...











THANK YOU,  
SASAKURA-  
SAN!

WELL,  
BYE...

HAKKA  
SASAKURA.



THANK  
YOU FOR  
WAKING  
ME UP.

UM...

I'M  
HAKKA.

...OH.



WHIRL



...SO SHE  
LOSES ALL THE  
MEMORIES FROM  
WHEN SHE WAS  
A SHELL.

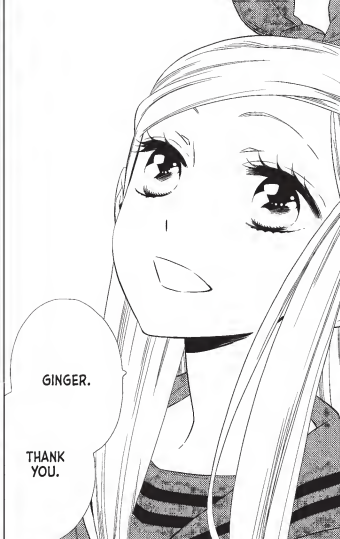
THAT  
MAKES ME  
A LITTLE  
SAD.





GINGER.

THANK  
YOU.



UGH.

PAIN  
IN THE...



HEY!

BEND  
DOWN A  
LITTLE.

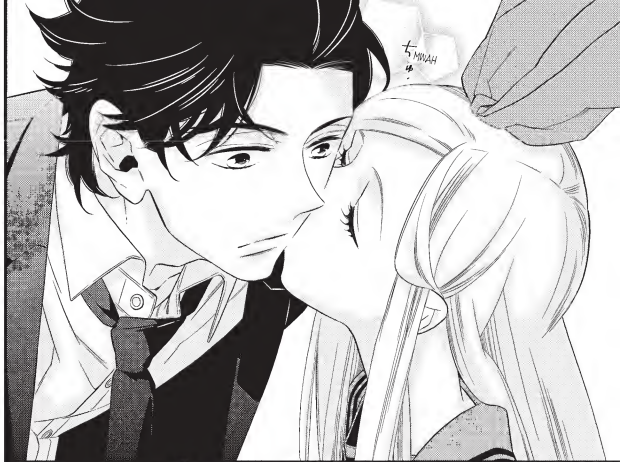
WHY?

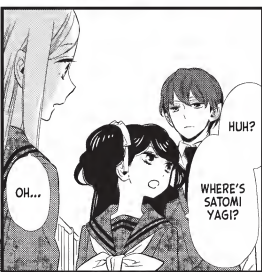
JUST  
DO IT!



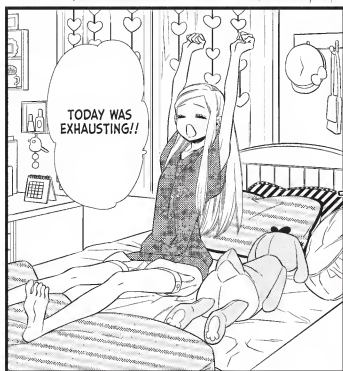
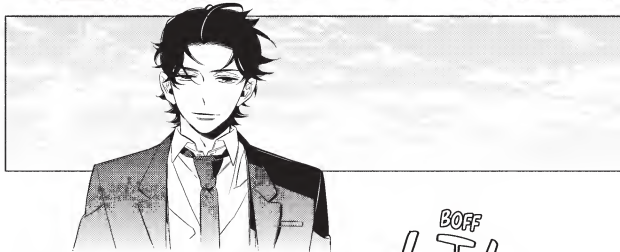
FOR  
WHAT?

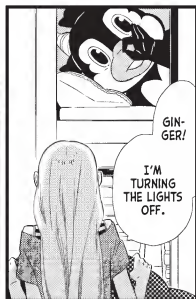
HEH  
HEH.





ALL BECAUSE I SAVED THE DAY!



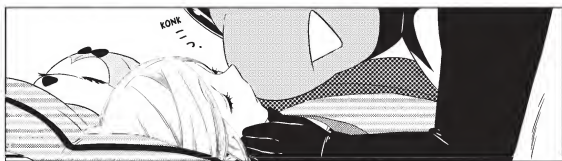
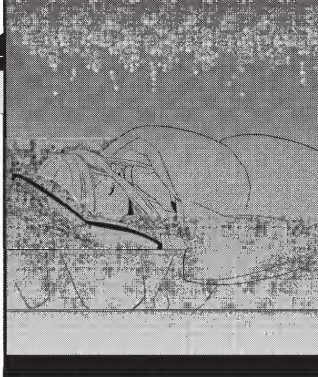






トン  
TMP

TMP  
トン...



KONK  
...



I HAVE A  
MESSAGE  
FROM  
LAVENDER.

TO WHAT  
DO I  
OWE THE  
PLEASURE  
AT THIS  
TIME OF  
NIGHT?

OH,  
THANKS  
FOR  
CALLING.



...IT'S  
ME.

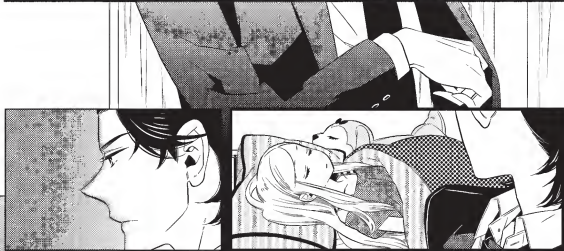


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CLICK







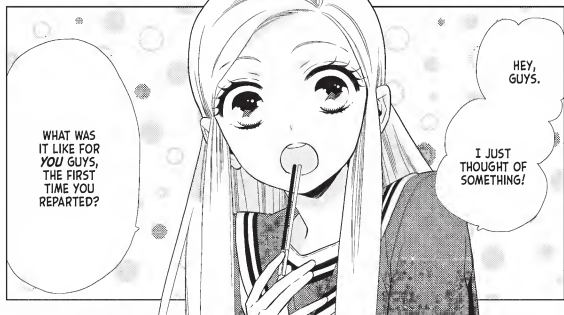
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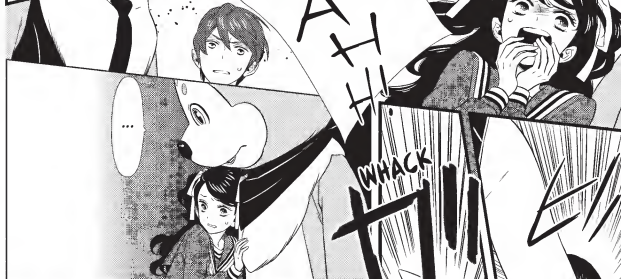
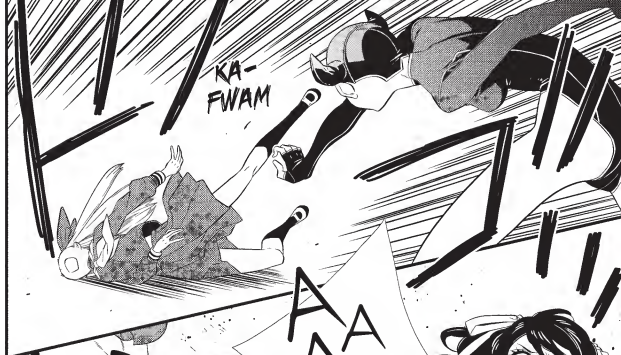
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**FOR  
REAL?!**

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next page ♥









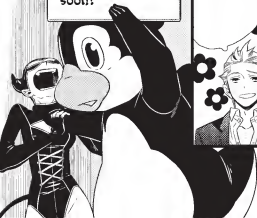


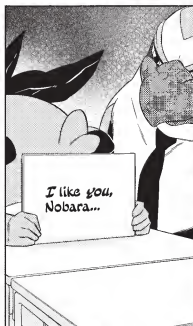
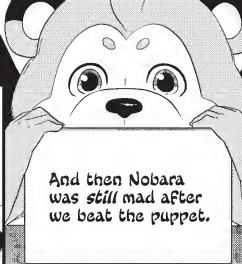
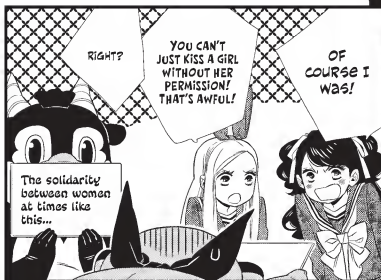


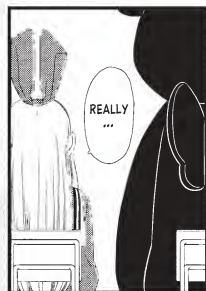
Um, I don't suppose we could get back to this fight sometime soon?

SORRY HE DIDN'T TURN OUT TO BE A HOT CHICK, SATSUKI!

TH-THEY'RE BOTH M...









# TRANSLATION NOTES

## Kigurumi, page 13

The word *kigurumi* has gained popularity in English in recent years, mostly in reference to full-body animal pajamas. Many readers may already know that the word also refers to more elaborate animal costumes of the variety used for sports mascots and popular characters at theme parks. The word *kigurumi* is an abbreviation for *jintai chakuyô nuigurumi*, which means "life-sized wearable doll." (The *ki* is an alternate pronunciation of *chaku*, or "to wear.")

In Japanese, a noun can be both plural and singular, so the use of *kigurumi* in this manga may refer to one or the group, depending on context.



## Use honorifics, page 19



In Japan, it can be very rude to address someone you don't know well by their given name. Sometimes it's appropriate to ask someone how they prefer to be addressed, but when that's not feasible, the safest bet in most circumstances is to call them by their surname and add the honorific *-san* (similar to the English "Mr." or "Miss"). Because they have never spoken before, Nobara would not be out of line in expecting Hakka to address her as Miyamori-san.

Other honorifics in this volume include "*-chan*" (which denotes friendship or closeness, and is usually reserved for children and younger women), and "*-senpai*," which is for one's direct seniors in school or other organizations.

## Look that way now, page 33-34

Here, Ginger and Hakka are playing a game that is often considered a "sequel" to rock-paper-scissors. After the players have thrown out their rock, paper, or scissors, the winner says, "Look that way *now!*" and points up, down, left, or right. The loser of the rock-paper-scissors turns his or her head in a direction as well, and if the finger and the face are pointed in the same direction, the rock-paper-





scissors winner wins again. If they point in different directions, they start another round of rock-paper-scissors.

### Viva Nonno, page 46

Technically, this phrase is Italian for "long live grandfather!" but it is a variation of "viva non non," a nonsensical shout from the Drifters' cover of the Duke Aces' 1960s single "Li Yu Da Na." The title of this song means, roughly, "Ah, what a nice bath," which is probably also what Ginger means when he



says, "Viva Nonno."



### Report, page 53

Pronounced "ree-part," the exact etymology of this term is unclear—the translators would not be surprised if Chigaya made it up himself. A reasonable theory is that it comes from the French word *repartir*, which means "to

restart." It may also come from the Italian *ripartire*, with the same meaning, but it doesn't really match the imperative (command) forms of either.

### Tsundere, page 83

Readers may be familiar with the *tsundere* trope, describing characters who are often sarcastic and mean but will occasionally reveal hints that they actually do care about another character. For the uninitiated, *tsundere* is a combination of *tsun-tsun*, meaning "bad-tempered," and *dere-dere*, meaning roughly "lovestruck." The word usually refers to one person who shows both traits, but in this case, it would seem that Nobara is *tsun-tsun* while Basilico is *dere-dere*.



### Test-prep, page 139

In Japan, many high schools require their potential students to pass an entrance exam before they can enroll. The more elite the school, the harder the exam. To prepare for these tests, students can attend *juku*, a type of supplementary school specifically geared to help them get into the high school, and eventually college, of their choice.

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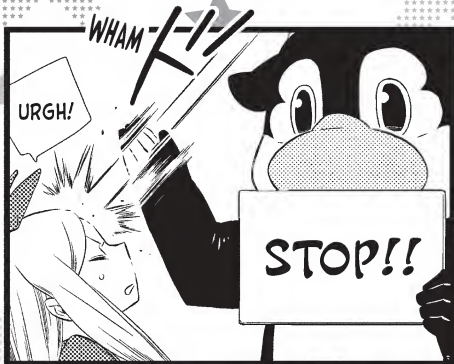
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